BULLETIN NEWS LETTERS FROM ITS BROADENING FIELD

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

OLD MYSTIC

Schools Reopen After Scarlet Fever Outbreak - Baptist Church Elects Officers-Death of Mrs. James Prickland in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Barnes and family were guests Sunday of Mrs. Barnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Chapman, of Center

Mrs. Elisha C. Davis, who under-went an operation at the Memorial hospital, New London, some six weeks since, has returned to her home in the

Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell and two children have returned to their new home in Westerly after a visit to Mr. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Campbell.

The Misses Amy and Frances Eldridge, who teach in the town of Lisbon, spent Sunday at the Eldridge homestead on the east side of the river.

Mrs. William P. Welles was the guest

Wednesday of her sister, Mrs. Ray Lewis, of New London. Mrs. Mercy Bruman of Smith street is suffering from the effects of a fall on the ice. on the ice.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chesebro and daughter, Miss Elinor Chesebro, and Ledyard, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold Williams and family.

The street has been ill for the past few of I. W. Stark, is partially disabled through a broken collarbone as a result of athletic sports.

There are numerous cases of sickness from hard colds and grip.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Throop visited friends in Westerly, R. I., last Thursteen Scafford the few years old.

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Spofford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edward Stapelyn of Burnett's Corners form of diphtheretic scarlet fever.

Mrs. Applie E Avers of Main street Mrs. Annie E. Avery of Main street is slowly recovering from the effects of a shock.

Schools Reopen.

The schools opened Monday morning. Jan. 17th, after being closed two weeks, owing to the scarlet fever scars. As these were no new cases Dr. Congdon, the health officer for the atom of Stonington, deemed it safe to troopen the schools. The attendance is small, however, as some of the parents of large families thought it safer to keep their children at home for a week longer at least. Principal F. Jay Bates arrived Saturday from his forme in Stamford to be in readiness for the opening of the schools on Monday.

Annual Meeting of Baptist Church.

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The annual business meeting of the Baptist church was held Monday evening at 7.45 o'clock in the conference room of the church. The following afficers were elected for the ensuing pear: Clerk Simeon Gallup; treasurer, Nehemiah M. Gallup; collector, Mrs. Horace O. Williams; collector of envelopes. Mrs. Williams; collector of envelopes. Mrs. William D. Beckwith; atanding committee, Oscar F. Crumb, William D. Beckwith and Daniel Piek, bashers, Edmund Haven Lamb, William Clark, Julian Hanks and Calvin H. Hoxie, Jr. The church starts out the new year with all indebtedness paid and a balance in the treasury.

Age, is recovered from a recent illness.

Mrs. J. P. Abel, her mother, Mrs. Alice Peckham, her sister, Mrs. Mary A. Williams, and her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Abel, are intending to to Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 20, and will remain a few days; then they will go to Vineland, N. J., to stay until spring.

Baptist Society's Annual.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. James Strickland. Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb has been noti-fied of the death of her sister-in-law. Mrs. James Strickland (born Mary Dell Smith), at her home at Crocker. Mrs. Nency Laplace is very ill at her home at Crocker. Ill. Her death was due to cancer of the stomach, having been a sufferer for many months. She was 47 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland were married in Chicago in 1891 and resided in that city until about five years ago, when they moved to Crocker, where Mr. Strickland has since been engaged in the real estate business. The Crocker News says: "Mrs. Strickland was one of God's noblest women. She was a Christian in the truest sense of the word; her ideals were of the very highest standard, and her delight was in giving pleasure and doing good to others. Her home life was ideal and to the husband left alone the blow falls heavily." Mr. Strickland was an attive of the town of Groton, having been born there 50 years ago. About twenty-five years ago he went to Chicago. He has five sisters and three brothers in the east, Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb of Old Mystic, Mrs. Mary Holloway of Groton borough, Mrs. Fanny Welles, widow of Frederick Welles, of Foquonoc, Mrs. Albert Thurber, Mrs. Eugene Thurber and Martin Strickland all of Poquonoc, and William Strickland of New London.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Ladies' Ald society was held Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. William D. Beckwith in Smith street. Calvin H. Hoxle, Jr., is slowly responsely from a severe attack of scarlet fever. He is still under the care for a trained nor the pastor's fat grange meeting was held Wednesday evening and account of the recent death of the pastor's fat grange meeting was held Wednesday evening from a severe attack of scarlet fever. He is still under the care for the recent death of the pastor's fat grange meeting was held Wednesday evening from a severe attack of scarlet fever. He is still under the care for the recent death of the pastor's fat grange meeting was held Wednesday. The grange meeting was held Wednesday evening from a severe attack of scarlet fever. He is still under the care fat grange meeting was held Wednesday. The fat grange meeting was held Wednesday evening

govering from a severe attack of scar-let fever. He is still under the care of a trained nurse and physician. MYSTIC.

Miss Delia Gately Becomes Violently Insane-Taken to Norwich Hospital.

Staples of Colchester, deputy of the Connecticut state grange, was at the meeting of Mystic grange on Thursday night and installed the officers, Wednesday night Mr. Staples installed the officers at North Stonington and Griday night at Groton at Groton at Griday night at Groton at Griday night at Groton at Groton at Groton at Griday night at Groton at Griday night at Groton at Groton

the members and guests after the sinstallation. The snow has about gone, but the fee in the streets is troublesome.

Miss Delia Qately, living alone at Quambog, was found locked in her apartments Wednesday. Officer Foley was called and forced an entrance to the house, where he found the woman half-dressed and violently finsane. She was brought to Mystic and taken care of at the lockup during the night. Owing to the absence of Selectman Ell Gledhill, First Selectman H. A. Stahle of Westerly was called to investigate the case. Thursday morning Judge Hinkley of Stonington appointed Dr. W. H. Gray and Dr. C. F. Congdon to examine the woman. She was found to be suffering from religious mania. In the afternoon she was taken to the Norwich State hospital.

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many years in the employ of the late
Miss Marths Burrows, who died a year
age. Since Mrs. Burrows' death Miss
Gately has supported herself the best
she could, selling household articles
that she made. She has been a kindhearted woman, industrious and frugal, and had many friends who are
sorry to hear of her sad breakdown.

The little daughter of Capt John E. The little daughter of Capt. John E. Spafard, who took scarlet fever at Old Mystic, is out of danger at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

LEBANON

Congregational Pastor Preaches in Favor of Bill Against Child Labor.

The pastor of the First Congregational church preached last Sunday morning, in common with many pastors throughout the state, on the subject of child labor. He spoke very earnestly in favor of the bill now before congress seeking to prohibit the cruel and inhuman practice of employing children in factories and various industries in hard and constant labor. Mr. Smith took for his text Matt 18:6, "But whose shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

The installation of officers will take place in Lebanon grange, No. 21, in The installation of officers will take place in Lebanon grange, No. 21, in Grange hall, next Thursday night, January 27. Worthy Master of the state grange Leonard H. Healey is expected to conduct the installation. F. P. Fowler has been confined to the house with grip.

Ernest Church is in St. Joseph's hospital convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Julian LaPierre Williams and daughter have returned to their home

daughter have returned to their home in Norwich after visiting Mrs. Williams, father, G. H. Hewitt, and her sister Ethel.

William H. Bliss Resigns. William H. Bliss, teacher in school No. 5, has given his resignation to the committee in order to accept the appointment by the state board of education of supervisor of schools in the towns of Barkhamsted and Goshen, in Litchfield county. Mr. Bliss is secretary of the town committee in Columbia

The First Baptist church held the annual meeting Jan. 17. The financial report showed an increase in the receipts for 1909 over the previous year. W. W. Palmer was chosen trustee for three years; N. C. Barker, clerk and treasurer for one year; Deacons A. S. Peckham, Orville Gurley and D. B. Calkins, ushers. The envelope or weekly offering method was adopted for the year 1910.

HAMBURG.

daughter.

The grange meeting was held Wednesday evening. The recently elected officers for the coming year were installed. Deputy Staples of Colchester being present to assist in the exercises. While in town Mr. Staples was entertained at the home of George D. Coats. Mrs. F. T. Whitman went to Newton enter, Mass., Wednesday to join her

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kenyon of Can Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kenyon of Canterbury have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Snyder.

Mrs. H. S. Young and Miss Hannah B. Witter of Norwich Town were callers in this village Thursday afternoon. The Thursday evening prayer meeting of the Third Baptist church was held in the pastor's study.

Mrs. L. C. Schroedter is spending several weeks with her brother, George Rhuland, of Philadelphia.

The storm of Friday blocked the roads so that Saturday the R. F. D. carrier could not make his trip. All roads are not passable yet.

Abraham Marchant has been brought

BETHEL

The ladies of the Bethel M. E. church will serve a variety supper at the home of R. H. Young Friday eve-ning, January 28.—adv. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake of Preston City were at Bethel Wednesday.
The recent snow storm which stopped all travel for a short time quickly disappeared, leaving the roads nearly

Nearly 16,000 hedg in London hos-pleals are daily occupied by the sick and maimed poor.

Owing to the storm, the trustees' meeting, which was to have been held January 15, is deferred until this Sat-urday afternoon at the parsonage.

UNCASVILLE

Installations During the Week-Vital Statistics for 1909-Effects of

Elmer E. Lunt of Boston has been appointed by the Bigelow-Harriman Construction company superintendent, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Charles W. Coburn.

Thames Lodge Installation.

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At the annual installation of Thames lodge, I. O. O. F. Tuesday evening the lodge rooms were well filled, there being an attendance of many from out of town lodges present. The following were the officers installed: Past noble grand, Ernest Auwood; noble grand, Robert Paton; vice grand, Charles Osborn; recording secretary, Fred W. Chapel; financial secretary, Dan D. Home; treasurer, Robert Barlow; warden, Andrew Johnson; conductor, Frank B. Mitchell; chaplain, Edwin S. Henry; inside guardian, Charles Gordon; outside guardian, Lyman Chapman; right supporter noble grand, Ray-Woodmansee; left supporter noble grand, J. Lawrence Raymond; right supporter vice grand, Harry Auwood; left supporter vice grand, Roy Johnson; right scene supporter, William Sisson. The installation team was made up of District Deputy G. Turner Loomis, Grand Warden C. A. Phillips of New London, Grand Secretary Harry Auwood, Grand Treasurer Fred J. Hope, Chaplain C. Everett Chapman, Grand Marshal Fred Durvin, Grand Guardian Joseph Church. After the installation ceremonles a rabbit supper was served, after which there was a pleasant social hour, with speeches. Herman Decker, who has been in the empley of the Central Vermont railroad at the station in this place, has obtained work in Syracuse, N. Y.

Thomas Church has resigned in Norwich and succeeded Arthur La-Flamme in the employ of the C. M. Robertson Co.

Guy Loomis is working for a type-writer company in Hartford.

Broke Through Ice.

A party of boys and girls coasting on the cove at Bartlett's Thursday At the annual installation of Thame

A party of boys and girls coasting on the cove at Bartlett's Thursday evening had a narrow escape from drowning. A part of them were on sleds propelled by some of those on skates when they went into large hole cut in the ice. As it happened to be low tide the water was not deep, but all got thoroughly wet.

Vital Statistics

Vital Statistics. The records for 1909 compared with those of 1908 show an increase of births, marriages and deaths. In 1909 57 births were recorded, an increase of 12 over that of 1908. In 1909 there were 21 marriages, in 1909 only 17, a difference of four. There were 44 deaths in 1909 accounts 48 in 1805. were 21 marriages, in 1909 only 17, a difference of four. There were 44 deaths in 1909, against 42 in 1905. The youngest death was the Botham infant, 4 days old, and the oldest was Sarah A. Morgan, 88 years 11 months. September and October were the months with the most births, there being nine in each month. June and August each showed alike in popularity for marriages, four in each month.

Social Club's Officers. Thames social club held a meeting Monday evening and installed its re-cently elected officers. Following the Monday evening and installed its recently elected officers. Following the ceremonies an oyster supper was served, after which a social hour was spent. The officers installed are: President, Cornelius Flaherty; vice president, James L. Phillips; secrethary, George N. Wood; treasurer, Charles Osborn; sergeant at arms, Harry Diamond; degree master, Nathan Sheldon. There was a good attendance. The supper was prepared by Nathan Sheldon, assisted by Reuben Austin and Clarence McArdee.

The entertainment and supper to have been given by the Methodist Church society Friday on account of the sttorm was postponed to Wednesday evening.

Monday evening a large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Mitchell met at their home, it being Mrs. Mitchell's birthday. After vocal and instrumental music, games were

and instrumental music, games were played, and during the evening re-

reshments were served.

Mrs. Henry Phelps, wife of Captain Phelps, was the guest of Mrs. Fanny Darrow in Mantic the first of

Drifts Delay Mail Carrier. Charles R. Bogue and men were at work Sunday and Monday breaking out the roads. Rural Carrier F. B. out the roads. Rural Carrier F. B. Tooker on Monday was able to reach most of the boxes on his route, except most of the boxes on his route, except in that section over Doibeare hill. Saturday Mr. Tooker did not attempt to make the route. Upon inquiry by telephone he found that it would be impracticable to take out his team. Mr. Tooker, however, started out walking, covering that portion of his route that extends from the office over Hilltop and upper Waterford.

The Palmer Bros. Co. closed down their mill Friday evening at 5.30, a half hour earlier than usual, to allow the employes to get home before it was too dark for them to see their way in the severe storm.

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night from a visit with her brother, Daniel Darrow, in New London. The officials of the Keyes Process Co. hope to be able to get the plant in operation in about two weeks.

MONTVILLE.

Robert Latimer, physical director of the New London schools, spent Sunday at his home here.

Deacon Albert Edwards conducted a helpful prayer meeting at the Union Baptist church Thursday evening. The pastor, Rev. George Chappell, delivered an address on The Church and the Unchurched at the prayer meeting of the Central Baptist church, Norwich. At the close of the prayer meeting here member of the Friday Evening club remained to rehearse the cantata. The Conquering Cross under direction of Mrs. Chappell.

Miss May Darrow was the guest of relatives in New London over Sunday. Rehearsal for Those Good Old Times, under the auspices of the Young People's society of the Union Baptist church, was held at the hall Saturday, Monday and Friday evening. At the Union Baptist church was held at the hall Saturday in Monday and Friday evening. At the Union Baptist church last Sunday the pastor, Rev. George C. Chappell, preached from the subject. The Sure Foundation. Miss Gertrude Olson sang in fine voice the soprano solo The Holy City. Rev. Asa Wilcox was present and offered prayer at the communion service which followed. The pleasant Sunday evening hour, 6.30 to 7.30, opened with the ten minute song service, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Chappell, leading with the flute Mrs. Fred J. 7.30, opened with the ten minute song service, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Chappell, leading with the flute. Mrs. Fred J. Hope conducted the Young People's meeting. A tenor and baritone duet was sung by Robert Latimer and Rev. G. C. Chappell, entitled The Evening Shadows. The young ladies' choir sang He Hideth My Soul, with flute accompaniment, and Miss Nettie Gridley read the poem, Through Death to Life. The pastor spoke on The Social Side of Life.

Robert Paton of Norwich spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. Keyes of New London spent Sun-day afternoon with friends in the vil-lage. entertaned by Mrs. D. D. Lyon at her home Thursday afternoon.

GALES FERRY

Sunday School Holds Annual Election -Fourth Quarterly Conference Held.

The annual election of the officers of the Gales Ferry Sunday school was held at the church vestry Thursday evening of last week. C. E. Colver was continued as superintendent, with D. C. Perkins as assistant. The former secretary and treasurer, Miss Alice Satteriee, and the librarian. Miss Mary Hurlbutt, were also re-elected. Miss Florence Hurlbutt was appointed organist. The re-election of teachers was left for a future meeting of the board, owing to the absence of Superintendent Colver.

Mr. and Mrs, Nicholas Allyn of Ledyard arrived last week to make their annual visit with their daughter Mrs, E. A. James, at Allyns Point. Dr. Charles B. Graves of New London was a visitor Friday at his summer home.

Mrs, Myrta Mather returned Monday.

Mrs. Myrta Mather returned Mon-Mrs. Myrta Mather returned Mon-day from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Curtis Wilcox, in Jewett City. Miss Sarah Latimer returned home Wednesday from a visit with friends in Boston.

Miss Amy Satterice visited friends and attended the meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Groton Thursday of last week. Miss Alice Satterice also visited friends

Methodist Conference.

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Rev. J. H. Newland: superintendent of the Norwlch district of the New England southern conference, conducted the fourth quarterly conference of the Gales Ferry charge at the M. E. church Monday evening.

Re-elected officers of the church were approved as members of the conference and the usual reports were given and ordered on record.

Stewards of the church elected for the ensuing year were D. C. Perkins, C. E. Colver, Thomas Latham, C. H. Chapman, George F. Dean, Irving Hurbutt, Mrs. Eugene LaFontaine, Mrs. H. W. Huributt, Miss Sarah Latimer, Mrs. D. C. Perkins, Miss Kate Colver, Miss Amy Satterlee, Rufus Huributt, Mrs. Sarah Perkins; recording steward, D. C. Perkins; district steward, C. E. Colver; delegate to Willimantic camp meeting. Thomas Latham. Latham.

The usual committees of the society were also appointed at this session: Missions—Mrs. Thomas Latham, Miss Sarah Latimer, C. E. Colver, D. Miss Sarah Latimer, C. E. Colver, D. C. Perkins,
Church Extension and Home Missions—Miss Laura Perkins, Miss Kate Colver, Mrs. Amanda Perkins.
Sunday Schools—Irving Hurlbutt, Miss Amy Satterlee, Mrs. Fannie Molthrop, Miss Alice Satterlee,
Tracts and Hospitals—Rufus Hurlbutt, Mrs. D. C. Perkins, Miss Grace

Chapman.
Education—Thomas Latham, Mrs.
LaFontaine, Mrs. H. W. Hurlbutt,
Freedman's Aid—Miss Alice Satteree, Mrs. Lucy Hurlbutt. Church Records—Thomas Latham,

C. E. Colver.

Parsonage and Furniture — Miss
Kate Colver, Mrs. Sarah Perkins, Mrs.
Sarah Colver, Mrs. D. C. Perkins.
Estimating Committee—C. E. Colver, C. H. Chapman, D. C. Perkins.
Auditing Committee—N. B. Allyn,
C. E. Colver.

Temperance—D. C. Perkins, C. H.
Chapman, Rufus Hurlingt.

Chapman, Rufus Hurboutt. Music-Mrs. LaFontaine, Miss Alice Satterlee, Charles H. Chapman. OAKDALE.

Special Committee of Congregational Church Meets-Hard Traveling.

The committee chosen last fall to plans to raise funds to make needay plans to raise funds to make need-ed repairs on the Congregational church, met at the home of the chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Burchard, in Palmertown, last week, Wednesday

evening.

The Congregational Sunday school has voted to adopt Little's Cross and Crown system for some of the younger classes, with the hope that it may increase the attendance during the

Harry Palmer of Leffingwell, with his two-horse sled, was one of the first to come through the snowdrifts on Monday morning on his way to the Collins woodlot.

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Rural Mail Carrier F. B. Tooker of

Rural Mail Carrier F. B. Tooker of Uncasville did not get through on Saturday, but was able to serve the most of his patrons on Monday and Tuesday, and was able to cover the whole route on Wednesday.

Mrs. Helmes of Plainfield is visiting at the home of her niece, Mrs. Ella Chernel

LEDYARD

Grange Installation Next Week-Ice Houses All Filled.

Owing to bad weather Saturday evening there was no grange meet-ing, only four being present. There will be a meeting next Saturday eve-sing, January 29, for the installation of officers.
Senator William I. Allyn transacted business in Norwich on Wednesday.

The roads have been blocked by snow and a good deal of shoveling has had to be done to make them passa-

Charles S. Hewitt has been filling his ice house with 12 and 14-inch ice from Holdridge's pond. All of the other ice houses have been filled.

The assessors have finished their duties and the grand list has been increased from last year.

Measles are prevalent in this town. Calvin Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt, is sick with measles in New London.

Personals. Mr. and Mrs. Enos M. Gray were in Norwich Wednesday. Ellsworth C. Gray returned home Monday, having spent several days with his aunt, Mrs. Charles Stoddard with his a of Mystic.

PENDLETON HILL.

Horse Strayed from Glasgo to Volun town-lee Cream Social.

Last Sunday night Morton and Russell Cook were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Button of Glasgo. On starting for home they found therir team missing, and could get no trace of it until Friday about 10.30, when Sheffield Douglass of Voluntown found the horse and parts of the harness near William Jordan's. The horse was in good condi-Thomas Gould.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman were visitors at Westerly Monday.

Chester Stedman is ill at the home of his sister at White Rock. dan's. The horse was in good condi-tion, except cold and hungry.

There was an ice cream social, can-dy and apron sale at the First Baptist church Friday, Jan. 21.

WATERFORD. Mr. and Mrs. James McNaughton were city callers Monday. Miss Marion Avery spent Sunday at her father's, Arthur T. Avery's. James C. Smith was a business caller at Great, Neck Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lewis are home from a trip to Fishers Island. Marjoric Guile has returned from a visit with friends in New York.

feeble.
Calvin Wilcox has sold a tract of timberland to G. Ingalls. It is extimated that there will be one million feet of lumber on this lot.

Last Monday was the worst day of the season to get about: the roads were completely filled with snow.

NEW LONDON'S PUBLIC BOAT LANDING.

No Opposition to a New Ordinance Regulating Weights and Measure-St. John's Literary Society Planning to Celebrate Its 50th Anniversary-An Old Ferry Boat Receiving Repairs-New London as a Terminal for the Grand Trunk.

menced the construction of the present St. Mary's Star of the Sea church, and whose remains now rest within that edifice. Father O'Connor was succeeded by Rev. Michael Tierney, who afterwards became bishop of the diocese of Hartford. Then came Rev. Patrick P. Lalor, who was subsequently transferred to the pastorate of St. Mary's church in New Haven. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas W. Broderick, who was transferred to St. Peter's at Hartford, and then came Rev. Thomas P. Joynt, who was pastor for over twenty-six years and who died recently. All of these pastors took great interest in the St. John's society and aided materially in the success of the organization. Not one of these devoted priests who had charge of the Catholic church affairs in New London since the birth of the St. John's society are spared to participate in the observance of the golden jubilee.

The organization of the St. John's society was effected in the old St. John's church and the meetings were held there for many years. Not in the church proper, but in the ante-room,

SALEM

School Supervisor on Tour of Inspection-Grange Officers Installed.

Richard B. Tibbetts; assistant steward. William Purcell; gatekeeper, William Darling; Ceres, Mrs. Susie Morgan; Flora, Mrs. Amy Miner; hady assistant steward, Miss Lavena N. Staplins. At the close of the meeting the company were invited to take their places at the bountifully laden tables which had been arranged by the ladies and there a delightful social hour was enjoyed. The grange starts the new year with brighter prospects than ever before.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Bailey entertained friends last Thursday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent with The evening was pleasantly spent with music and social chat, after which the hostess served dainty refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Murray entertained the members of the choir and their friends on Wednesday evening.

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New music was rehearsed and a delightful social evening enjoyed. Mrs.

Murray served refreshments.

Mrs. F. L. Fletcher was a recent
guest of friends in Colemester and
Westchester.

Miss Leah Gifford has returned to
her duties in the Sheffield laboratory,
New London, after a vacation spent
with relatives at Maple Lawn farm.

YAWBUX VALLEY.

Courtland P. Miner, who for several weeks has been ill at the home of his son at Pachaug, was able to be moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Miner, last week.
George Clark who has been employed at Groton the past two years, has finished work there and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

William W. Tanner, who was ninety last June, and is staying with his daughter, Mrs. H. M. Wilcox, is very feeble.

The St. John's Literary association, organized Feb. 5, 1860, prior to the civil war, and about a dozon years listing in New London was formed. Is planning to celebrate its golden jubilee on an elaborate scale, which will include a grand concert and ball in the state armory on the night of Feb. 3 and a hanget for the members and state armory on the night of Feb. 3 and a hanget for the members and state armory on the night of Feb. 3 and a hanget for the members and versary night.

This society, was organized for the purposes signified in its name by Rev. Patrick A. Gaynor, who was then pastor of St. John's church in Jay street at least of the purposes signified in its name by Rev. Patrick a church in Tria and whole the part he occupied being subsequently converted into a store. He then new St. Patrick's church in Tria dwelling house, Father Gaynor taking up his residence on the opposite side of the street in one of the houses constructed by the late Capt. C. Strong life, the new St. Patrick's church in Tria dwelling house, Father Gaynor taking up his residence on the opposite side of the street in one of the houses constructed by the late Capt. C. Strong life, the new St. Patrick's church in Tria dwelling house, Father Gaynor taking up his residence on the opposite side of the street in one of the houses constructed by the late Capt. C. Strong life, the part he occupied being the part have and the part he occupied being up his residence on the opposite side of the street in one of the houses constructed by the late Capt. C. Strong life, the part has called in State street in what was street at least of the church and here the society was transferred to Fair Haven and died and was buried there. The came menced the construction of the present He was succeeded by Rev. Bernard of St. Patrick's church, and whose remains now rest within that the diffice. Father O'Connor was succeeded by Rev. Michael Tierney, who came the hall over the Nichols & Harris store, the hall over the Nichols and the private whateves for sa rul

building.

The weekly debates were a feature in the old days nad every member was required to debate in turn or pay a fine of ten cents. Nearly all the members paid the fines and a helf dozen or so were the regular debates. or so were the regular debaters, giving the listeners the advantage of their research and knowledge of important local and historical topics.

Naturally since its formation, half a century ago, the society has under-gone many changes, but the interesting debate feature has never been eliminated. The old oyster and chowder suppers with all the fixings that presuppers with all the fixings that prevalled in the Jay street ante-room are now supplanted by whist and dance parties with the members and lady friends in full dress. Swell events in comparison with the stove gang rackets of forty years ago, which is all in the line of progress and intellectual and social advancement. Never in the history of the organization has the composition of the membership been more representative of the principles of the organization than at the present time.

There are incidents of the past that schools, made his official visits to the schools here last week. In the severe storm of last Friday he experienced some of the most enthusiastic members, that donaiders alignment schools, and on Saturday it was with great difficulty in getting to the different schools, and on Saturday it was with great difficulty that he forced his way to Colchester, because of the deep and drifted snow.

The cottage which has been in course of construction for Christopher and Daniel Rogers was finished last week, the contractor returning to his New London home.

Surveyor Mitchell of Willimantic, with two assistants, completed the survey of the Colchester and New London turnpike from Webster's corner in Colchester to the site of the old Dark Hollow schoolhouse in Salem this week for State Highway Commissioner Macdonald.

Mrs. Mary Darling, lecturer of Salem

Hollow schoolhouse in Salem this week for State Highway Commissioner Macdonald.

Mrs. Mary Darling, lecturer of Salem grange, attended the meeting of the state grange in Hartford last week afterward visiting with relatives in New London.

Miss M. E. Millen has resumed her work as acting pastor of the Congregational church, occupying the pulpit on Sunday morning. She has received a cordial welcome from her many friends here.

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The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held their regular meeting on Sunday evening with Mrs. Henry Rogers as leader. The meeting was well attended in spite of the back traveling and proved very interesting.

While the parsonage is being made ready for her occupancy, Miss M. E. Millen has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Rose V. Ray: Treasurer, Richard B. Tibbetts; assistant steward, Richard B. Tibbetts; assistant steward, William Purcell; gatekeeper, William Purcell; gatekeeper will purcell; gatekeeper will purcell;

and measures, John R. Kemmerer of Hartford, was present to answer all questions and give all information on the important matter.

The proposed ordinance as originally drafted provides for the retention of the present official until his present term of office expires, a year hence. This will give Mr. Gardner ample opportunity for him to satisfy himself whether he can perform the duties of This will give Mr. Gardner ample opportunity for him to satisfy himself
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the office as required should the ordinance be adopted, and will also give
the public opportunity to decide whether the old gentleman is the proper man
for the place. At the hearing Mr.
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defining the duties of the office than he was in appointment to the office, for he realized that in order to make the ordinance effective the duties must be fearlessly and competently administered. Mr. Gardner is among the older residents, has been a merchant of long experience and fully realizes the importance of buying and selling by correct weights and measures.

balanced their sense of accommodation, and those who came to the city in boats were either ordered away or compelled to pay a fee for the privilege of making a landing. On some of the wharves placards were posted bearing these unwelcome words: "Not a public landing. No boats permitted to land here, under penalty of the law." But when the public landing was constructed these warnings disappeared, the wharf owners probably realizing their injustice, and now the time has arrived when it is no longer necessary for the public to use private property in gaining access to the city from the water front. It is Alderman O'Leary's intention to have his committee award the contract for building the two new landings just as soon as possible after landings just as soon as possible after the bids are received, so that visitors will have evidence that they are as welcome to the city as the flowers of

Several months ago announcement was made that the Grand Trunk railway, which now has tidewater terminal at New London over one of its branches, the Central Vermont route, was seeking to enter Providence with intention of establishing a foreign line of steamships from that port. The plan was to enter Providence by way of the Danielson street railway, the charter carrying with it freight as well as passenger privileges. The Providence Board of Trade immediately took action in advancement of the project

matter to the attention of the court of common council and the mayor was authorized to appoint a committee representing the city to confer with the officials of the Grand Trunk railway and offer every possible inducement to have the New London terminal developed and thereby making the entry into Providence unnecessary. The mayor has not appointed that committee as yet, and it is therefore taken for granted that the time is not yet ripe for committee action. Mayor Mahan for committee action. Mayor Mahan has beyond doubt made himself ac-quainted with the real situation and at the proper time will name the committeemen, which will probably be composed of representative citizens, and who as the city's delegation will have weight with the railroad company officials.

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That the company could be best served by a steamship line at its already established terminal in New London is an indisputable fact, as an open harbor is certainly more favorable than a narrow and crooked river. Some years ago a proposition from the Grand Trunk company to improve and increase the terminal at New London was rejected by the court of commen

The railroad asked for the construc-tion of an overhead bridge at Sixth street, Bast New London, and for the elimination of the long grade crossing leading from Winthrop street to what was known in boyhood days as the Bank. The estimated cost of the bridge was \$20,000. In return for this work on the part of the city the rail-road company agreed to expend over \$100,000 in the erection of a grain ele-vator and in other work to facilitate the handling of freight of all descrip-tions, and with the ultimate view of establishing a foreign line of steamers. establishing a foreign line of steamers. The whole matter was thoroughly discussed, plans of the proposed bridge exhibited and the assurance of the railroad company to its full share of the agreement, but the council did not give the project favorable considera-tion.

Conditions have changed since then and New London has become more progressive and it is believed any fair proposition from the railroad company that would tend to enhance the im-portance of New London and add to its industrial value would now receive favorable consideration.

The barge Shore Line, formerly a ferryboat that ran between New London and Groton in transferring rail-The public boat landing opposite the railway station, established several years ago, is greatly appreciated by the general public and by all visitors to the port who have occasion to make a landing in small boats, and especialis ly by the many owners of motor boats in the city and vicinity. At times this landing is overtaxed, and the public consideration to a plan that would reside the consideration to a plan that would reside the congestion at the depot landing, so-called.

In addition to this landing, the city owns water frontage just south of and adjoining the custom house property and also at the foot of Spar Yard street at the north end of the railroad bridge at Shaw's cove. The city meeting has voted an appropriation for additional boat landings and the sum appropriated is \$600, sufficient for landings at the places mentioned. The committee, of which Alderman James F. O'Leary is chairman, proposes to have these landings ready for use in the earlies of the proposition. It is expected the new landings will be more generally used by local boatmen and coastwise mariners, while the landing opposite the depot was employed on the ferryboat Thames River and is probably now the only one that the increasing traffic the big celebration, after the transfer in the center of the structure, was the passage of the structure, was the passage of the construction. It is expected the new landings will be more generally used by local boatmen and coastwise mariners, while the landing opposite the depot was employed on the ferry boat Thames River and is probably now the only one that the mariner of the big bridge, was an engineer on the ferry boat Thames River and is probably now the only one that the mariner of the big bridge was employed on the ferry beat that fail the ferry boat that fail the termination in the transfer in the center of the big celebration. road trains across the river, wher there was no bridge for that purpose